problem by 2000 A.D. thereby reducing the case load to less than one per ten thousand population. Multi Drug Therapy Scheme has been sanctioned to all the districts in the country. The funds have been provided to all the District Leprosy Societies for

(i) implementation of the programme;

(ii) free anti-leprosy services to all patients; and

(iii) to increase awareness in the community for early and voluntary reporting of the disease.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Anti leprosy drugs are provided to the State/UTs on demand. The distribution of drugs to hospitals and other centres in the district is made by States/UTs.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) As per resolution passed in the Conference all the 490 districts in the country have been covered under Multi-Drug Therapy Scheme. Leprosy Elimination Campaign and Special Action Plan on Elimination of leprosy in difficult areas have been designed. General Health Care Staff are being trained. Health Education, Disability and Ulcer Care and monitoring and supervision are being strengthened.

Poor Conditions of Ambulances etc. in Delhi Based Government Hospitals

1743. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that ambulances attached to Government hospitals in Delhi are in a very poor shape and basic essentials like oxygen cylinders, saline fluids, stretchers, and first aid apparatus are not available in them and their number is very less as compared to about 10 million citizens of the metropolis covering an area of roughly 1,500 sq. kms;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken so far or propose to take to ameliorate this pitiable condition of vehicles carrying the patients to hospitals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) to (c) No. Sir Most of the ambulances attached to Government hospitals in Delhi are equipped with basic facilities. The details of ambulances available in Government hospitals in Delhi is given in the enclosed statement *(see* below) Additional 5 fully equipped ambulances are being added at Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital. 288 Police PCR vans also carry accident victims to hospitals.

Statement

Details of ambulances available in Govt. Hospitals in Delhi

Name of the Hospitals	Total No. of Ambulances
Dr. R.M.L. Hospital	6
Safdarjang Hospital	14
All India Institute of Medical Sciences	9
Smt. S.K. Hospital	2
Hospitals under Municipal Corp. of Delhi.	15
Hospitals under the control of Govt. of NCT of Delhi.	38
Central Accident and Trauma Services	27

गांवों में स्वास्थ्य केन्द्रों की स्थापना किया जाना

1744. **श्री इकबाल सिंह:** क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार देश के गांवों में स्वास्थ्य केन्द्रों की स्थापना करने का विचार रखती है,

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो उसके मुख्य कारण क्या हैं और इसमें क्या बधाएं हैं,